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SUBJECT: M-16 RIFLES

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1. (C) CHARSEC, MUSLO MET WITH KING' S REPRESENTATIVE, LT. ZIRIOUI, ON 23 & 24 MAY TO CLARIFY DESIRES ON AMMUNITION AND MAGAZINES FOR M-16 S. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH KING, ZIRIOUI SAID THE KING' S DESIRES WERE FOR THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WITH THE WEAPONS:

A. MAGAZINES: 3 30- RD AND 4 20- RD PER WEAPON.

B. AMMUNITION: APPROX 55000 BALL, AND 5000 TRACER (EXACT AMOUNT DEPENDS ON PACK).

C. SCOPES: 25 TELESCOPIC SIGHTS THAT CAN BE MOUNTED ON THE INTEGRAL MOUNT FORMED BY THE CARRYING HANDLE.

2. (C) CHARSEC POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SPARE PARTS PURCHASE SINCE THE 122 WEAPONS WHICH WILL BE IN COUNTRY WILL BE IN EFFECT ORPHANS IN THEIR SUPPLY SYSTEM. IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING TIME, ARSEC, MUSLO CAN VERIFY AND PREPARE A CSP LIST.

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3. (C) LT. ZIRIOUI SAID THEY HAS EARLIER MENTIONED
PLASTIC AMMUNITION BECAUSE THEY HAD SOME 7.62 MM AMMUNITION
WITH COMBUSTIBLE PLASTIC CASES WITH METAL BASE. HE ASKED
THAT WE DETERMINE IF THIS WAS AVAILABLE IN 5.56 MM.

4. (C) THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, LT. ZIRIOUI CONSTANTLY
REITERATED URGENCY OF THE MATTER AND THE KING' S DESIRE
TO HAVE THE WEAPONS IN COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ,
AND HE STATED THAT PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS OR TELESCOPES
OR PARTICULAR TYPES OF MAGAZINES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
TO DELAY THE SHIPMENT OF THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES.
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